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AT MOBILE

1600 Center Street,

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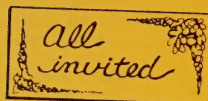
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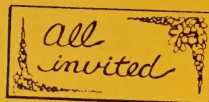
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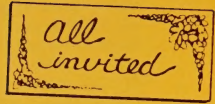
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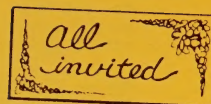
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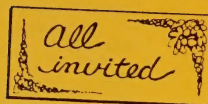
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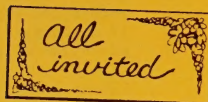
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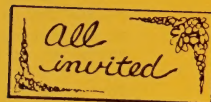
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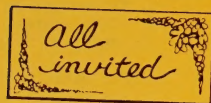
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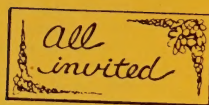
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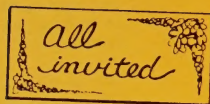
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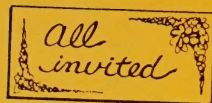
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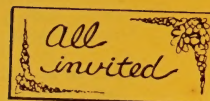
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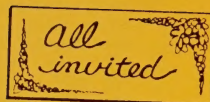
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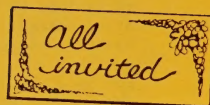
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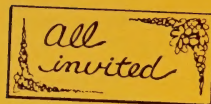
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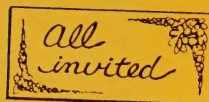
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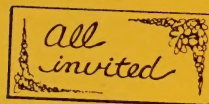
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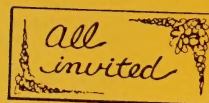
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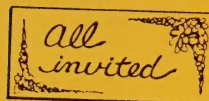
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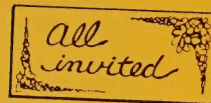
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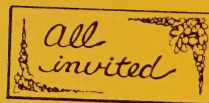
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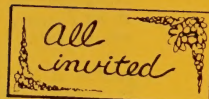
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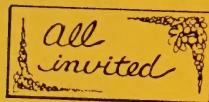
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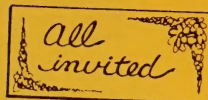
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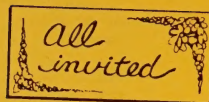
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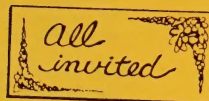
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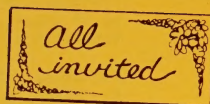
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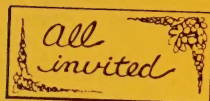
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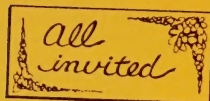
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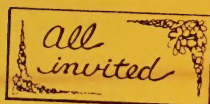
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SOME OF OUR BUDDY TRAINERS WILL MAKE SHORT COMMENTS, ONE OF THE DOCTORS FROM
SOUTH ALABAMA WILL TELL OF THE LATEST ADVANCES IN AIDS TREATMENT, AND OTHERS
WILL SHARE THEIR STORIES.

FURTHER DOWN ON THIS PAGE, YOU WILL SEE A FINANCIAL REPORT, TELLING WHERE
ALL MONEY TAKEN IN BY THE BUDDY PROGRAM HAS BEEN SPENT. READ IT, AND MAKE
YOURSELF A PROMISE THAT YOU WILL BE PART OF MAKING THE DREAM A REALITY.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Cash Layout</u>	<u>In Kind</u>
PWA #1 Prescriptions	\$46.50	
PWA #2 Professional Nursing	\$140.00	
Prescriptions	32.00	
Home Care	60.00	
PWA #3 Prescriptions	48.50	
PWA #6 Insurance Premiums	102.66	
Professional Nursing	495.00	
Medical Supplies		\$20.00
PWA #4 Medical Supplies		\$20.00
PWA #5 Telephone Service	119.33	
Medical Supplies		\$22.00
Groceries (X6)		120.00
Clothing and Shoes		50.00
Bed and bed linens		75.00
Buddy Training Supplies (Xerox)	24.92	
	<u>1078.91</u>	<u>\$332.00</u>
	<u>INCOME</u>	
PWA Families (IN MEMORIAM)	\$ 200.00	
" "	475.00	
MCC Fundraiser - Garage Sale	233.92	
Catholic Charities	50.00	
GOLDENROD Show	600.00	
SOCIETY Show	136.00	
Misc. Contributions	60.00	
	<u>\$1854.98</u>	

We are working with an additional 8 PWA's who, thank God, are
still well and able to be part of the community and have not had
any financial needs.

...from the pastor

Thank  You

REJOICE WITH US!!

MCC - through the work the Buddy Program has done -- has had that work recognized by Springhill Hospital. We have been given the use of a building, at no charge, being asked only to look after the building and help curtail vandalism at the site.

For us at MCC this is a double validation. First, the Buddy Program receives the recognition it deserves. All those who work with buddies can tell you we try our very best to do the most we can, provide whatever we can, and bring as much compassion to our service with our buddies as we can.

Secondly, in being given the building, we are seeing trust displayed in us as a stable and responsible group who can be given this building to maintain and use, knowing that it will be returned (as was St. Peter's) in as good or better condition than we found it. Many of you may remember that while we were at St. Peter's, we worked with all the groups to maintain the building and grounds. Additionally, when the air conditioner compressors failed and St. Peter's could not afford to replace them, MCC raised additional money to install two used (but in excellent condition) compressors.

Since we have been at 1600 Center Street we have had an opportunity to display that kind of care again. The building had been vandalized and there was a great deal of broken glass, trash, paper, etc, which had been left behind when the building was vacated. A crew of 14 MCCers came in on a Saturday and carried out a total cleanup and groundskeeping of the exterior of the building. The following day, nine people cleaned the interior of the building (one arrived with a portable generator, and even though there was no electricity we were able to vacuum the building). Broken windows and doors were replaced, glass being replaced with wood in some cases, to prevent further vandalism.

We held our first service in the building on June 7th and met again on June 14th without electricity or air conditioning, but with the knowledge that things were moving ahead. On June 15th, we had power and air conditioning, and held the Buddy Training for the first time at our new home.

Our plans for the new building include, in the near future, a Day Care Center for people with AIDS (PWAs) who need to be cared for while their caretakers work. There will be private rooms for 3 people who need bed care, a lounge and game room for those who are ambulatory, a hot noon meal will be provided and there will be people from the Buddy Program available for care, counseling, and to provide friendship and companionship. TV, VCR, and tape library will be available. Tape recorders and music library are also planned. We now have a food pantry for PWAs awaiting acceptance by food stamps, and can provide some surgical supplies (adult diapers, for example) as needed. We expect to have a hospital bed which can be loaned to PWAs who are being cared for at home.

We hope you will come and see the new Buddy Program Building (and the MCC worship space) and will rejoice with us in our good fortune. We thank St. Peter's for their care for us while we sojourned with them, and wish their members Godspeed as they move out into other churches. Their congregation does not now exist, since the merger of the three Lutheran bodies has them paired with another Lutheran Church. We will miss them. Come and worship with us, come and be a Buddy, come and see our facilities, and come rejoice and thank God as we dedicate our new building on June 27th, 7:30 p.m., at 1600 Center Street.



FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:00 P.M. every Sunday

BUDDY TRAINING

7/20

7:00 P.M., THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Nutritionist and
Dealing with Your Grief(when your
buddy dies).

RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS

8/4 Six Tuesdays
8/11 at
7:30 p.m.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE
What is the Bible.
Modern Scholarship/Textual and
Other Higher Learning

8/18
8/25

THE BIG EIGHT - Old Testament Scripture
THE BIG EIGHT - New Testament Scripture

9/1

Contra Natura and Natural Law

9/8

Not by Works/By Grace

RAP GROUP

8/5
8/12
8/19
8/26
9/2
9/9
9/16
9/23
9/30
10/7

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Homophobia
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How to Confront Anger Successfully
Creative Aging
Gays and the Law
Open Topic

FALL KICK-OFF

9/12 Saturday

Fall Kick-Off

"God, Gays and the Gospel"

FILM FOR FAMILIES OF PEOPLE WITH AIDS

7/2 7:30

"Beyond Fear"

